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**MUMBLES COUNCILLORS**

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*Your Ref:*

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**Dear Councillors,**

I am pleased to inform you that the Council has been awarded grant funding from the Welsh Government's Active Travel Fund (ATF) of £5,367,000 for the delivery and development of walking and cycling schemes within City and County of Swansea, and includes a scheme/s for delivery in your Ward area. The schemes proposed for implementation during 2023/24 will increase the walking and cycling network across the area, facilitating everyday journeys being made by more sustainable modes such as walking and cycling.

In a meeting of Swansea Council's Cabinet on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023, the awarded grant funding was formally accepted by the authority, which enables work to commence on the active travel programme for delivery over the 2023/24 period.

The following scheme/s in your Ward has secured funding for delivery, having previously been identified as a future route for delivery during the consultation of the authority's statutory Active Travel Network Map (ATNM), which identifies a network of future active travel routes which the Council can then consider applying to the Welsh Government for funding to undertake feasibility, design and subsequent delivery, if feasible. The ATNM was informed by two rounds of extensive public and stakeholder engagement and consultation during 2021, whilst further detailed engagement is undertaken at a scheme level with stakeholders and communities in project areas if and when proposals are developed as part of a schemes design.

### **SCHEME FOR DELIVERY**

***Mumbles Foreshore Widening*** - The authority is currently developing a project in conjunction with the Welsh Government's Coastal Risk Management programme to introduce new infrastructure to safeguard the Mumbles community from coastal flooding. This work will primarily involve the introduction of a new parapet / wall along the seaward edge of the foreshore. This bid covers a 200m section of route between the new Oyster

Wharf development southwards towards the tennis courts, contributing to active travel improvements to be made as part of the scheme. The scheme passes in front of the recent Oyster Wharf development comprising of a number of restaurants, retail stores and a spa/gym which has increased employment and services in the area but adding to demand on the existing provision. The scheme will also improve connectivity and permeability for residents living along the foreshore allowing ease of access to the wider network via NCN4, enabling onward travel both north and east of Mumbles and promoting sustainable active travel.

## **SCHEME FOR DEVELOPMENT**

***Newton to Mumbles Link (Development Only)*** – This scheme aims to improve walking and cycling provision for people living in and visiting Mumbles, by delivering a route which leads from the densely populated Newton area through Mumbles to the popular foreshore shared use path. The route will provide access to leisure facilities and the retail centre of Mumbles and enable the people in this community to better access the existing active travel network.

This project is funded by financial year and subsequently there is a substantial programme of work to deliver over the coming months.

The authority will continue to work with stakeholders and the community on the development and delivery of the active travel programme to maximise health, environmental and transport benefits across Swansea.

I trust that this letter provides an overview of the scheme/s to be delivered in your Ward area. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate in contacting me.

**Yours Sincerely,**

**Andrew Stevens**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment & Infrastructure**